



MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting

**Tuesday, November 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Boardroom, Catholic Education Centre**

Trustees:	Luz del Rosario	Chair
	Thomas Thomas	Vice-Chair
	Brea Corbet	Trustee
	Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi	Trustee
	Darryl D'Souza	Trustee
	Bruno Iannicca	Trustee
	Mario Pascucci	Trustee
	Stefano Pascucci	Trustee
	Anisha Thomas	Trustee
	Herman Vilorio	Trustee
	Shawn Xaviour	Trustee
	Bailey Clyne	Indigenous Student Trustee
	Jia Sharma	Student Trustee
	Raheem White	Student Trustee
Staff:	Marianne Mazzorato, Ed.D.	Director of Education, Secretary to the Board
	Daniel Del Bianco	Associate Director, Corporate Services
	Julie Cherepacha	Executive Superintendent, Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
	Max Vecchiarino	Executive Superintendent, Policy, Strategy, Research, Safe Schools
	Dulcie Belchior	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Wayne Brunton	Superintendent, Equity and Indigenous Education
	Brian Diogo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Scott Keys	Superintendent, Financial Services
	Ivana MacIsaac	Chief Information Officer
	Richard Moriah	Acting Superintendent, Planning and Operations
	Carmel Murphy	Superintendent, Program and Learning Services
	Laura Odo	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Lucy Papaloni	Superintendent, Special Education and Learning Services
	Drago Radic	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Adrian Scigliano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Stephanie Strong	Superintendent, Human Resources and Employee Relations
	Viviana Varano	Superintendent, Family of Schools
	Kevin Wendling	Assistant Superintendent: Math Lead
	Bruce Campbell	General Manager, Communications and Community Relations
	Theresa Davis	General Manager, Human Resources
	Christiane Kyte	General Manager, Clinical Services and Special Education
Recorder:	Cindy Child	Board and Committee Information Officer

A. Routine Matters

1. Call to Order and Attendance

Chair Luz del Rosario called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. National Anthem

The Chair acknowledged and thanked Martina Ortiz-Luis, Kibwe Thomas and Sole Power Productions for permission to use their recorded version of the national anthem.

3. Opening Prayers

Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas and Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi led the Opening Prayers.

4. Land Acknowledgment - Trustee Darryl D'Souza

5. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Mario Pascucci requested addition of L2a to the In Camera Session.

Trustee Brea Corbet advised that she has sent the Recorder housekeeping edits.

Motion 1326 (24-11-26)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE AGENDA BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

Motion 1327 (24-11-26)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

MOTION TO ADD F4, L2a, L3c, and L5a. TO THE AGENDA.

CARRIED

6. Declaration of Interest

The following trustees declared an interest in agenda items L5a:

1. *Trustee Mario Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*
2. *Trustee Bruno Iannicca—family members belong to OECTA and CUPE 2026*
3. *Trustee Stefano Pascucci—family member belongs to OECTA*
4. *Trustee Brea Corbet—family member working for the board*

Motion 1328 (24-11-26)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE DECLARED INTEREST ITEMS BE MOVED TO AGENDA ITEM L8.

CARRIED

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, October 22, 2024

Motion 1329 (24-11-26)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Herman Vilorio

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 22, 2024, EXCLUDING ITEM L5a, BE APPROVED.

CARRIED

a. Business Arising from the Minutes - Attached.

8. Approval of Minutes, Organizational Meeting, November 19, 2024

Trustee Darryl D'Souza addressed an error in the Organizational Minutes. Recorder noted correction.

Motion 1330 (24-11-26)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Brea Corbet

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 19, 2024.

CARRIED

B. Pastor's Remarks: Video Presentation by Monsignor Shiels – Remembering

Chair Luz del Rosario requested that the Director express our sincere gratitude to Monsignor Shiels.

C. Awards and Presentations

1. Presentation 1: Lifetime Achievement - Canadian Security Honours 2024: Minaz Jivraj, Chief Security Officer

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Minaz. It is not only our students who are doing amazing things each and every day but it is our staff as well. Tonight, we are honoured to recognize Chief Security Officer Minaz Jivraj for his recent receipt of Canadian Security Magazine's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Minaz has been with the Board on a full time basis since 2002 and serves as a primary link to the various law enforcement agencies in our jurisdiction. His professionalism, expertise and genuine care for the safety and security of students and staff have made Minaz an integral part of the operational landscape here at Dufferin-Peel.

We are so pleased to have Minaz with us tonight and call him to come forward to be recognized by the Board of Trustees.

The assembly gave him a round of applause and photos were taken of Award Winner Minaz Jivraj and the Board of Trustees.

D. Delegations

1. Melanie Cormier on behalf of the Indigenous Education Council - Restore the Land Acknowledgment

Questions to Delegate:

1. Student Trustee Jia Sharma: How many signatures do you have on the petition?

Delegate M. Cormier: We have collected 538 signatures.

2. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: As a Catholic board we hold our sacraments as a priority, such as reconciliation. By having the Land Acknowledgment first in opening exercises, it would demonstrate that we are honouring our commitment to reconciliation.

Delegate M. Cormier: As a survivor of residential schools, having the Land Acknowledgment said first would demonstrate to future generations that Indigenous people are being treated fairly and that there is a commitment to honouring truth and reconciliation. The Land Acknowledgment is the bare minimum of what demonstrates truth and reconciliation.

3. Trustee Brea Corbet: Thank you for delegating on behalf of the Indigenous Education Council (IEC) and sharing your truth. We welcome the opportunity to better understand your concerns and want to thank you for the invitation to sit with you in your traditional Lodge and learn more about the practice you have. Please share that information with our Chair of the Board.

Questions to Staff:

1. Trustee Brea Corbet: Can staff bring to the next Board By-Lay/Policies Committee the Procedural By-law and Policy 7.14: Opening Exercises in Schools and at Formal Meetings for consideration?

Director Mazzorato: We will bring that forward in January.

2. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: What initiative has the Board of Trustees taken to reconcile and respect Indigenous students and Indigenous Peoples?

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: The Board of Trustees through their Multi-Year Strategic Plan (MYSP) in the values of Excel and Respect highlight and dismantle the impact of colonialization. This is intentional in breaking the barriers of oppression. DPCDSB was the first in the province to enact a policy regarding an Indigenous Student Trustee. There is active engagement in classrooms through the IEC to promote the value of the land, and to understand the treaty. We continue the work to observe and uphold our commitment to truth and reconciliation as a system and as the mandate of the Board of Trustees.

3. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne commented that the MYSP would indicate that we should put the Land Acknowledgment first.

Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino: The land sustains all of us. As a Catholic school board, through the direction of the Board of Trustees our prayer is prioritized.

4. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: It is important to mention that the Land Acknowledgment is not just for Indigenous peoples, without the land, none of us would be here. Would any trustee support changing the exercise order?

No response.

Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: I would like the Opening Exercise Policy to come forward at a future Board By-Law/Policies Committee meeting.

Director Mazzorato: It will be brought forward at the January Board By-Law/Policies Meeting.

E. Reports from Trustees for Receipt

1. Regular Reports

a. Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association Report

Trustee Shawn Xaviour advised that he and Chair Luz del Rosario will be attending an OCSTA meeting on December 6. The OCSTA Trustees' seminar with guests speakers is on January 17 and 18, and if you have not already done so, please contact Michelle Vritsios for registration. The deadline for the Grade 4 to 12 OCSTA Short Video Contest is November 29.

b. Student Voice Report

Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne and Student Trustees Jia Sharma (North) introduced themselves. Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne spoke in Anishinaabemowin.

We are glad to report that we had a successful second meeting with our Senate on November 1 at Blessed Trinity. We began with a liturgy and established our interest groups, which are the following: Truth and Reconciliation, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Mental Health and Well-Being. We also appointed a secretary and social media managers to ensure that we maintain productivity and organization within our senate. We have begun brainstorming initiatives and have had meaningful conversations to understand our Senators better and go over our goals for the year.

From November 7 to 10 we had the opportunity to attend the Ontario Student Trustee Association (OSTA-AECO) 2024 Fall General Meeting. We networked with student trustees from over 50 boards around the province, sharing initiatives. Some of the professional development workshops we attended were *How To Be Compassionate Leaders* and *The Role of Servant Leadership in Education*. The keynote speaker was Annie Kidder, Executive Director of People for Education. She focused on the role of public policy in shaping education. In addition, we had the opportunity to give feedback, input and suggestions to help form the OSTA-AECO 2030 vision, which included recommendations to the Ministry of Education (Ministry) to continue expanding and advancing the education of students not only in our board but across the province. We concluded our weekend with breakfast with the other Catholic student trustees and Mass at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.

In conclusion, we would like to share some good news items from our secondary schools from the past month. St. Marcellinus CSS Drumline participated in the Georgetown Santa Claus Parade on November 16 and the Toronto Santa Claus Parade on November 24.

Across the board, multiple school sports teams dominated ROPSSA sports. Not only did many of these teams make it to OFSSA, but they also won gold, silver and bronze medals. Demonstrating the athletic powerhouse Dufferin-Peel is in our region and across the province. Lastly, on November 6, all our Grade 9 students participated in Take Our Kids to Work Day, where they experienced the workforce and explored future career pathways.

Late April early May we will have our Annual General Meeting.

c. Good News Report

Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne

Student Trustee Raheem White will be arriving late as he is receiving the City of Mississauga's Civic Award of Recognition this evening. Congratulations Raheem.

Trustee Bruno Iannicca

Mississauga Ward 7

This past weekend I was honoured to attend the 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Father Jose Gabriel Forero Martinez. His parents came from Moldova for the celebration and I had the opportunity to thank them for the gift of Father Gabriel. It was a wonderful celebration with more than 270 people honouring his dedication.

Trustee Luz del Rosario passed the chair to Vice-Chair Thomas Thomas.

Trustee Luz del Rosario

Mississauga Wards 6 & 11

I would suggest that if you have the opportunity, stop by St. Marcellinus CSS to see the hand-built Nativity Scene that Christi Chiera, a parent has generously donated to the school community. She included students by allowing them the opportunity to assist.

Trustee Luz del Rosario resumed the Chair.

F. Updates/Information/Reports from Committees for Receipt

1. Receipt of the Minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee Meeting, September 10, 2024
2. Receipt of the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting, September 10, 2024
3. Receipt of the Minutes of the Special Education Advisory Committee Meeting, October 16, 2024
4. Receipt of the Minutes of the Contract and Negotiations Meeting, September 24, 2024

G. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration for Receipt

1. Retirement - A. Metivier, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Avril Metivier. Avril has dedicated 23 years of service to Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board (DPCDSB), starting her career as a teacher at George Vanier Catholic Elementary School (CES) and St. John Henry Newman CES. She later

took on a variety of leadership roles, including special education, vice-principal, and principal at St. Kevin CES, St. Julia CES, and, most recently, St. Jacinto Marto CES, where she played a pivotal role in opening the new school in 2018.

Students, staff, and families deeply appreciate Avril. Her focus on meeting the needs of all learners and ensuring the well-being of her students has been a cornerstone of her leadership. At every step of her career, Avril has consistently prioritized the spiritual and emotional welfare of her students, offering them guidance, compassion, and support.

In all her roles Avril's generosity, faith, and dedication to her school communities have left an indelible mark. We celebrate her remarkable journey in Catholic education, a career marked by her unwavering dedication to collaborative leadership and her commitment to building strong, inclusive educational communities.

As she enters retirement, we thank Avril for her many years of service, for the faith she has instilled in her students, and for the lasting legacy she leaves behind in Catholic education.

1. Trustee Darryl D'Souza: I receive Avril's letter of retirement with regret. I have had the opportunity to work with Avril as she opened St. Marto Jacinto CES. She has done a fabulous job. The community will really miss her. Wishing her a happy and blessed retirement.
2. Retirement - L. Scardicchio, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Lilly Scardicchio. Lilly has been with Dufferin-Peel for 34 years. As an Administrator for 12 years Lilly has supported many DPCDSB communities. She was a vice-principal at St. Barbara CES, Father CW Sullivan CES, St. Valentine CES and St. Albert of Jerusalem CES, and then was promoted to Principal at San Lorenzo Ruiz CES and St. Jude CES.

Lilly is truly a compassionate and caring leader who has always been concerned for the well-being of the young students in her care.

She will certainly be missed by the Dufferin-Peel community and we wish her well in her retirement.

3. Retirement - C. Sforza, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Cathy Sforza. Cathy began her teaching career in September 1989 as a Team teacher at St. Timothy CES and Bishop Scalabrini CES. She continued at St. Timothy until June 2001. She enjoyed teaching in a variety of primary grades and Special Education classrooms. From 2002-2007 Cathy taught in the role of special education resource teacher (SERT) at St. Dunstan CES. In February 2007 she was hired as an Itinerant Teacher for Physical Medical for Mississauga Brampton Central and Mississauga North Families of Schools. She loved to work with and support some of our neediest students in Elementary and Secondary schools. She served in this role until June 2011.

Cathy answered the call to leadership and was promoted to vice-principal at Queen of Heaven CES and St. Alfred CES from September 2011 to June 2015. She served several other school communities as vice-principal: St. Therese of the Child Jesus CES, St. Albert of Jerusalem CES, and St. Valentine. Cathy gladly embraced the position of acting principal at Mary Fix CES in September 2021 until May 2023 when she was officially declared principal.

During her time at Mary Fix CES she has experienced many memorable occasions, graduations, first days of school, welcoming first-time parents in our Catholic community - not to mention closing the school three times for skunk visits and the removal of the portapak. She cherishes the gift of being able to serve in Catholic education for 40 years.

Cathy is grateful to God for granting her the opportunity to work with many exceptional mentors, teachers, and students throughout her career. Cathy would like to say a special thanks to Trustee Bruno Iannicca for his support during her four years at Mary Fix CES. We are grateful to Cathy for her inspiring leadership and her commitment to Catholic education. We wish her health and happiness as she begins her retirement.

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I receive her retirement letter with regret. We have come full circle; I was fortunate that Cathy taught my children, and I had the opportunity to work with her. She always has the best interest of children first, and no child goes without in her care. Her community will miss her.

4. Retirement - A. Brown, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to Andrea Brown. Andrea has been a Catholic educator and servant leader at DPCDSB since 1992. Growing up with parents that were high school department heads, dinner table conversations were often centered around daily school experiences and how to make a difference in students' lives. Andrea was destined to become an educator. Andrea had the opportunity to work at many schools. Beginning as an occasional teacher, her greatest joy was to figure out how she could take on extra assignments; coaching, tutoring, and working with school committees. Her first full time position began at St. Bernadette CES in 1996 as a Needs Moderate teacher. She continued her career in Special Education at St. Barbara CES and St. David of Wales CES; a vice-principal at St. Barbara CES and principal at St. Bonaventure CES and presently at Christ the King CES. Andrea always welcomed the leadership of her superintendents and trustees. During her many years in special education, she was called to advocate for our diverse learners, to listen to their voices, and the voices of the community, to collaborate with all stakeholders. As a principal, Andrea brought a wealth of special education knowledge to her schools and made it a priority to ensure students and staff had the resources, equipment and support they needed to align daily teaching to school goals and curriculum initiatives.

Andrea has been a part of numerous initiatives and committees both at the board and family level. She is especially proud of her work done with the Gord Downie and Chanie Wejack Fund at St. Bonaventure CES where Education Minister Liz Sandals visited staff and students.

With a great deal of thought and reflection, Andrea has decided to embark on a new journey, one to spend more time with family and friends and to enjoy some travel. We are thankful to Andrea for her many years of dedication to Catholic education and wish her the best in retirement.

Trustee Herman Vilorio: I receive Andrea's retirement letter with regret. I have had the pleasure to work with Andrea over the last few years. I wish her many years of happy, blissful retirement and happy travels.

5. Retirement - D. Clifford, Principal

Director Mazzorato paid tribute to David Clifford. David has had over 31 years of dedicated service to Dufferin-Peel. He began his career with Dufferin-Peel as an educational resource worker in 1992 at Our Lady of Peace CES and in 1994 accepted his first teaching position at Our Lady of the Airways CES. He was appointed vice-principal at Holy Cross CES and Father Michael J. McGivney CES in 2008. In 2011 he became principal at St. Aidan CES and has served at St. Raymond CES before his appointment to San Lorenzo Ruiz CES in 2022 where he currently is principal.

David's commitment to students is evident in his interactions with all community members in order to ensure all students feel safe, respected and cared for. His calm, caring and warm leadership style makes all in his presence feel the love and compassion of Christ. He leaves a legacy of excellence in Catholic education coupled with a testament to the power of embracing the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations as a framework for ensuring the success of all.

Trustee Thomas Thomas: I receive David's letter of retirement with regret. I have had the pleasure of working with David over the last many years. He has served the community well. Wishing him a healthy and happy retirement.

H. Updates/Information/Reports from Administration Requiring Action

1. 2025 Nominees for Membership on Committees

Director Mazzorato advised the scrutineers are: Associate Director of Corporate Services, Daniel Del Bianco, Executive Superintendent of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Julie Cherepacha and Executive Superintendent of Policy, Strategy, Research, Safe Schools, Max Vecchiarino.

The Standing Committees are comprised of all 11 trustees. The election of chair and vice-chair of these committees occurred at the Organizational Meeting of the Board on November 19, 2024:

- **Administration and Finance Committee**, Chair Darryl D'Souza and Vice-Chair Herman Vilorio.
- **Faith and Program Committee**, Chair Shawn Xaviour and Vice-Chair Brea Corbet.
- **Board By-Law/Policies Review Committee**, Chair Stefano Pascucci and Vice-Chair Anisha Thomas.
- **Multi-Year Strategic Planning Committee**, Chair Bruno Iannicca and Vice-Chair Mario Pascucci.

The **Audit Committee** requires three trustees for a two-year term. Seven (7) trustees have put forth their interest: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Darryl D'Souza, Bruno Iannicca, Mario Pascucci, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas and Herman Vilorio. The following four (4) withdrew their names: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Mario Pascucci, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas. Three trustees will sit on the Audit Committee: Trustees Darryl D'Souza, Bruno Iannicca and Herman Vilorio. The Chair and Vice-Chair are elected annually, at the first meeting of the new year. An external member or a trustee may be elected Chair and/or Vice-Chair.

The **Contract and Negotiations Committee 2025** is comprised of trustees without a conflict. The six (6) trustees without conflict are: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Luz del Rosario, Darryl D'Souza, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas, and Shawn Xaviour. The Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected at the first meeting of 2025.

The **Discipline Committee 2025** is comprised of all trustees who are called upon as needed. Director Mazzorato advised that there is a new requirement to have a Chair and Vice-Chair to oversee all expulsions and suspensions, they are not required to sit on all cases.

Chair of the Discipline Committee: In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario asked for nominations. Trustee Thomas Thomas nominated Trustee Darryl D'Souza. Trustee Darryl D'Souza accepted.

The Chair requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Chair Luz del Rosario advised that Trustee Darryl D'Souza was acclaimed Chair of the Discipline Committee for 2025.

Vice-Chair of the Discipline Committee: The Chair asked for nominations. Trustee Darryl D'Souza nominated Trustee Herman Vioria. Trustee Herman Vioria accepted.

Chair Luz del Rosario requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Chair Luz del Rosario advised that Trustee Herman Vioria was acclaimed Vice-Chair of the Discipline Committee for 2025.

The **Supervised Alternative Learning (SAL) Committee for 2025** requires one representative and one alternate. Three names have been provided Trustees Thomas Thomas, Herman Vioria and Shawn Xaviour. Trustee Shawn Xaviour withdrew his name. Trustee Thomas Thomas offered to be the representative and Trustee Herman Vioria will be the alternate.

The **Special Education Advisory Committee (SEAC) 2025** requires two representatives and two alternates. Four names have been provided: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Luz del Rosario, Bruno Iannicca and Thomas Thomas. Trustees Luz del Rosario and Bruno Iannicca offered to be the representatives and Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi and Thomas Thomas will be the alternates. There will be an election for Chair and Vice-Chair of SEAC, which may be a trustee or a committee member.

The **Central Committee for Catholic School Councils (CCCSC) 2025** requires one representative and one alternate. Two names have been provided: Trustees Thomas Thomas and Herman Vioria. Trustee Thomas Thomas offered to be the representative and Trustee Herman Vioria will be the alternate.

Director Mazzorato clarified that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the **Performance Planning and Review Committee for the Director of Education 2025** will be elected at the first meeting. There is a minimum of two members and a maximum of seven members on this committee. There are eight interested Trustees: Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Luz del Rosario, Darryl D'Souza, Bruno Iannicca, Mario Pascucci, Anisha Thomas and Thomas Thomas. Trustee Stefano Pascucci withdrew. The seven trustees who remain will make up the committee.

The **Dufferin-Peel Friends and Advocates for Catholic Education (FACE) 2025**. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board sit on this committee. There are seven names: Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Luz del Rosario, Mario Pascucci, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas and Shawn Xaviour.

Two trustees are required for the **Challenged Material Committee 2025**, Trustees Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi, Darryl D'Souza and Shawn Xaviour put forth their names. Trustee Shawn Xaviour withdrew.

The **School Year Calendar Committee 2025** requires one representative and one alternate. There are four names listed. Trustees Darryl D'Souza, Bruno Iannicca, Herman Vilorio and Shawn Xaviour. Trustees Bruno Iannicca and Herman Vilorio withdrew. Trustee Shawn Xaviour offered to be the representative and Trustee Darryl D'Souza is the alternate.

The **Secondary School Scholarships and Awards Committee 2025** requires one representative and one alternate. There are five trustees listed. Trustees Luz del Rosario, Darryl D'Souza, Anisha Thomas, Thomas Thomas and Herman Vilorio. Trustees Luz del Rosario, Anisha Thomas and Thomas Thomas withdrew their names. Trustee Darryl D'Souza offered to be the representative and Trustee Herman Vilorio is the alternate.

The **STOPR Governance Committee 2025** is a two-year term (November 2024-November 2026). This requires one trustee. Trustee Thomas Thomas offered to be the representative.

The **Joint Ad Hoc Transportation Committee 2025** requires two representatives. Trustees Darryl D'Souza and Thomas Thomas will sit on this committee.

The **Brampton Board of Trade 2025** requires three representatives and confirmed that all Brampton trustees are on this committee: Trustees Anisha Thomas, Darryl D'Souza and Shawn Xaviour.

The **Mississauga Board of Trade 2025** requires seven representatives and Director Mazzorato confirmed that all Mississauga trustees are on this committee: Trustees Brea Corbet, Luz del Rosario, Bruno Iannicca, Mario Pascucci, Stefano Pascucci, Thomas Thomas, and Herman Vilorio.

Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi is a member of the **Dufferin Board of Trade**.

The **Brampton School Traffic Safety Council** requires two trustees for the term November 2024 to November 2026. Trustee Darryl D'Souza offered to be the representative and Trustee Shawn Xaviour offered to be the alternate.

The **Mississauga School Traffic Safety Council** requires two trustees. No names were put forth.

In accordance with Board practice, Chair Luz del Rosario asked for nominations for representatives to sit on the Mississauga School Traffic Safety Council. Trustee Thomas Thomas nominated Trustee Brea Corbet. Trustee Brea Corbet declined.

The Chair requested further nominations three times. There being none, nominations were declared closed.

Trustee Thomas Thomas offered to be the representative and Trustee Brea Corbet offered to be the alternate.

Director Mazzorato advised that the **OCSTA Directors** is a two-year term and that DPCDSB is currently represented by Trustees Luz del Rosario and Shawn Xaviour for the term which ends in the spring of 2026.

The **OCSTA Large/Urban Advisory Council** is represented by Trustee Mario Pascucci.

The **Peel Safe and Active Routes to School** require two trustees. Two names have been provided: Trustees Luz del Rosario and Thomas Thomas.

Director Mazzorato advised that Trustee Thomas Thomas sits on an outside agency committee: **Natural Science and Education Committee**, the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority. The term is from November 2022 to November 2026.

Student Trustee arrived at the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

2. Motion Recommended by the Audit Committee, November 12, 2024

Motion 1331 (24-11-26)

Moved by Bruno Iannicca

Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND RELATED INFORMATION OF THE DPCDSB FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2024.

CARRIED

3. Motions Recommended by the Administration and Finance Committee, November 12, 2024

Trustee Mario Pascucci: How does the approval of the request made by Robert F. Hall CSS affect other school's requests for fundraising?

Director Mazzorato: This has no effect on other schools. They are following *The Ministry of Education Fundraising Guidelines*, which includes a specific reference to accountability and transparency that requires any project with a proposed cost over \$50,000 to have prior approval from the Board of Trustees.

Motion 1332 (24-11-26)

Moved by Paula Dametto-Giovannozzi

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE REQUEST FROM ROBERT F. HALL CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL TO FUNDRAISE FOR OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT WITH A POTENTIAL COST OVER \$50,000.

CARRIED

Motion 1333 (24-11-26)

Moved by Stefano Pascucci

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ENACT POLICY 5.30: SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

Motion 1334 (24-11-26)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Stefano Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE AND ADOPT THE REVISED PROCEDURAL BY-LAW, AS AMENDED.

CARRIED

4. Advocacy Letter: Proposed Changes to Speed Limits in School Zones, City of Mississauga
Executive Superintendent Vecchiarino summarized the report.

1. Trustee Brea Corbet: Thank you to staff for providing this report. It is important that we advocate traffic safety in our local school zones, on behalf of the families we serve and school communities that we represent. We have an opportunity to contribute valuable input to policy decisions by the City of Mississauga on changing speed limits in local school zones that have serious implications for community safety.

Motion 1335 (24-11-26)

Moved by Brea Corbet

Seconded by Mario Pascucci

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THAT THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, SEND A LETTER OF CONCERN TO THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA REGARDING THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE SPEED LIMIT POLICY, THAT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY SAFETY IN LOCAL SCHOOL ZONES.

CARRIED

Motion 1336 (24-11-26)

Moved by Thomas Thomas

Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES INCLUDE A COPY OF THE APPROVED LETTER TO THE CITY OF BRAMPTON AND THE TOWN OF CALEDON.

CARRIED

I. Additional Business - Nil

1. Notices of Motion

J. Questions Asked by Trustees

1. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: I have raised this item before on behalf of concerned parent/guardian. Some secondary students are not using the school washrooms because they do not feel safe because students are vaping or hanging out, and/or the poor conditions, i.e., chipped urinals and locked stalls.

Indigenous Student Trustee Bailey Clyne: I can confirm that Student Senate has raised these issues as well.

Director Mazzorato: We will follow up with secondary administrators.

- Trustee Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi: I have also had concerns raised by parents/guardians and students. I would like to petition the Ministry of Education (Ministry) for security to be provided, this is an important student safety issue.

Director Mazzorato: The Board of Trustees can put forward an OCSTA resolution regarding Ministry support.

- Trustee Mario Pascucci: I would like to add that we also need to review elementary schools to ensure students' safety. Can we follow up with OCSTA to ensure we add the washroom safety issue to the resolutions.

Director Mazzorato: We will follow up with OCSTA.

- Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff provide a status update on how the new student cell phone policy is working?

Director Mazzorato: We check in monthly with principals and it has not evolved into an issue.

- Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Parents/Guardians have shared that the DPCDSB website is difficult to navigate. Are we reviewing this issue? If so, is it possible to ask for input from CCCSC?

Chief Information Officer MacIsaac: Currently we are looking at doing a refresh and to make navigating easier.

Superintendent Radic: We can take that to CCCSC for input.

- Trustee Stefano Pascucci: In an article regarding tree canopy, it says that the Canadian government will fall short of the projected planting of trees by 2031. Previously, I raised the need for planting trees in our school yards.

Director Mazzorato: If you would forward the article to me, we can do some preliminary investigation.

- Trustee Stefano Pascucci: In Issues & Events can staff provide details on how many schools are having Christmas concerts and events in our schools? And can we ensure our parish priests are invited.

Director Mazzorato: We can provide information in Issues & Events and remind administrators.

- Trustee Brea Corbet: Can staff provide the impact to DPCDSB of the recent announcement by the Federal Government of \$108M for student nutrition?

Director Mazzorato: This afternoon we received preliminary information and will provide information in Issues & Events as they are revealed.

- Trustee Mario Pascucci: Thank you for the report on before and after school care. It is reported that there are 1,200 students on wait lists. Can staff comment?

Associate Director Del Bianco: The wait lists are due to the challenges providers are having of hiring enough staff. We can have the Planning team review the current status.

- Trustee Bruno Iannicca: At Catholic School Council (CSC) meetings, concerns were raised regarding the long time it takes to download documents sent to families.

Chief Information Officer MacIsaac: I would like to discuss this with you to have specific examples to troubleshoot.

11. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Regarding raffles to be held by schools. The last information we received advised that schools needed to complete the registration process, this is a lengthy process, it would help our schools greatly if this could be done centrally. Can staff comment?

Director Mazzorato: We will follow-up with Counsel.

12. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: We are short on student monitors and our principals are having to cover these duties, is it possible to hire more student monitors?

Director Mazzorato: We will survey our administrators to see which schools are short student monitors, and review what other boards are doing to attract and retain student monitors.

13. Trustee Bruno Iannicca: Can staff provide an update on the administrators' survey?

Director Mazzorato: We have indicated that this will be an In Camera report presented in January.

14. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can we ensure that the snow removal services limit the area that they pile snow on, leaving as many parking spaces as possible?

Director Mazzorato: We can remind the operators through Acting Superintendent Moriah.

15. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: It would be helpful if Progress Reports were sent to parent/guardian email accounts rather than student email accounts. Is this possible?

Director Mazzorato: We agree and have been working on the issue.

16. Trustee Stefano Pascucci: Can staff comment on the funding provided for vaping detection?

Associate Director Del Bianco: DPCDSB has received \$350,000. There are several factors that we need to review and consider: this needs to be a central procurement, we need to determine if the units available are compatible, and to determine what happens when the detector goes off. We are collaborating with secondary administrators to determine a process and how we can implement within the budget.

17. Trustee Mario Pascucci: I raised the issue previously regarding safety of students by using devices to check under buses.

Associate Director Del Bianco: We did bring that back to STOPR for discussion. Currently, nothing is being used in Ontario. In the future there may be a device recommended if regulation takes affect and funds become available. As we indicated in the past, school staff on duty watch buses as they enter and leave school sites, and bus drivers conduct perimeter checks.

18. Trustee Mario Pascucci: Can staff provide an update on International Language Programs (ILP)?

Director Mazzorato: We have seen an increase in ILP enrolments. We can provide an update in Issues & Events.

19. Student Trustee Jia Sharma: One of our Student Senators said they have to pay for their school bus, can staff comment?

Associate Director Del Bianco: You are referring to a regional program at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Secondary School (CSS). This was established as a regional school of choice and families are responsible for their own transportation as there is no funding for transportation. Within the school community parents/guardians have organized their own busing.

20. Student Trustee Jia Sharma: Our coterminous board has a Specialist High School Major (SHSM) program that transportation is provided to students.

Director Mazzorato: We will be following up with the Ministry of Education on this issue.

K. Declared Interest Items – Nil

L. In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

Motion 1337 (24-11-26)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MOVE INTO A CLOSED MEETING AS DISCUSSIONS WILL INVOLVE THE DISCLOSURE OF INTIMATE, PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OR COMMITTEE, OR AN EMPLOYEE.

CARRIED

M. Report from the In Camera Meeting of the Committee of the Whole

Trustees with a declared interest left the meeting.

Report: Approval of In Camera Board Minutes, Receipt of In Camera Audit Committee Minutes, In Camera Administration and Finance Committee Minutes and In Camera Contract and Negotiation Committee Minutes, and Receipt of Administrative Appointments and Transfers, Questions Asked of an In Camera Nature by Trustees, and recommendations to the Board of Trustees from the In Camera Committee of the Whole.

Motion 1338 (24-11-26)

Moved by Shawn Xaviour

Seconded by Darryl D'Souza

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RATIFICATION OF THE LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE DUFFERIN-PEEL OCCASIONAL TEACHERS UNIT.

CARRIED

Motion 1339 (24-11-26)

Moved by Darryl D'Souza

Seconded by Thomas Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RATIFICATION OF THE LOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DUFFERIN-PEEL CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD AND THE DUFFERIN-PEEL SECONDARY TEACHERS UNIT.

CARRIED

Motion 1340 (24-11-26)

Moved by Paula Dametto-Giovanozzi

Seconded by Anisha Thomas

THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE MANDATE AND KEY PRIORITIES FOR LOCAL BARGAINING WITH THE PRINCIPAL'S AND VICE-PRINCIPAL'S COUNCIL.

CARRIED

Trustees with a declared interest returned to the meeting.

N. Future Meetings

December 10, 2024

January 28, 2025

February 25, 2025

March 25, 2025

April 29, 2025

May 27, 2025

June 17, 2025

O. Adjournment

Motion 1341 (24-11-26)

Moved by Anisha Thomas

Seconded by Bruno Iannicca

THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:18 P.M.

CARRIED